

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday December 8th, 2024

Silent Key – Dick Prendergast EI6FY

We regret to report the death of Dick Prendergast EI6FY. Formerly of Castlemartyr, Co. Cork and Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford, Dick passed away on November 27th, 2024, aged 90. He was laid to rest in Mogeely, Co. Cork. We wish to extend our sympathies to his son Rick, daughter Aifric, brother Shane, extended family, and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

News from the IRTS

The IRTS news team will be taking a small break once again this year over the Christmas period. The last 40m and 80m IRTS news bulletins for 2024 will be transmitted on Sunday, December 15th. There will be no news bulletins on either Sunday December 22nd or Sunday, December 29th. Normal bulletins will resume on Sunday, January 5th, 2025.

Items for submission for Sunday December 15th should reach the news editor by midnight on Thursday December 12th. Items for the news on Sunday January 5th should reach the news editor by midnight on Thursday January 2nd, 2025.

The first IRTS contest of 2025 is the IRTS 80m Daytime Counties Contest. It will take place on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st, 2025. This will be a one-hour long contest running from 17:00 UTC to 18:00 UTC. SSB, CW, and SWL categories are available to enter. For more information, please visit www.irts.ie/contests

The committee and officers of the IRTS would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members, friends of the society, and all their families a very happy and peaceful Christmas. We hope that 2025 is a great new year for all of you. Thank you all for your great support of the society in 2024 and we look forward to your continued support throughout 2025 and beyond.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

Join EI2WRC for the fun of the 2024 Big Call-In Challenge on Tuesday December 17th at 7.30 p.m. as they will attempt to break the record of call-ins taken after the Tuesday night IRTS news bulletin. The current record stands at 136 set in December 2023. To break the current record, they will need at least 137 individual callers. You can call in via the Southern Ireland Repeater Network, EchoLink Node 225431, IRLP Node 5883, DMR TG 27240, and on the Southern Ireland Repeater Network channel via the Zello app. A live video feed of the record-breaking attempt will be on the TikTok app on

TheIrishOutdoorCook channel. It's only for a bit of fun as this will be the last Tuesday night bulletin of 2024! All callers are very welcome to join in for some fun and laughs on the night!

The committee and members of EI2WRC would like to take this opportunity to wish all their radio friends and families in Ireland and all around the world a very happy, safe, and peaceful Christmas 2024. They hope that you all have a wonderful festive time, and that Santa is good to you and brings you all the latest Yaesu and Icom radios! The club would also like to extend every good wish to you all for the new year ahead and the club hopes that 2025 brings you all the very best of health, wealth, and of course, plenty of new DXCC entities. EI2WRC extend a massive thanks to everyone who helped make 2024 a very successful year for them. They look forward to your help in making 2025 an even better year for the club.

For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details, please see www.searg.ie

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society's Christmas Party

On the 4th of December, the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society held its annual Christmas party at the club's headquarters at Marconi House, Castletown Road, Dundalk Co. Louth. The night kicked off with the northeast net club call EI7DAR operated by Crevan EI3JWB. The IRTS news followed at 8 p.m. read by Damien EI7LF.

Excitement greatly increased as Jim EI2HJB announced that the customary chips and sausages delivery was on the way at 9 p.m. The night ended with a raffle, and everyone received a nice present to take home.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society would like to wish everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas. The club's next meeting will take place on the 8th of January 2025.

South Dublin Radio Club's Christmas Party

South Dublin Radio Club Christmas Party takes place on Tuesday, the 10th of December 2024 at 8 p.m. The venue will be the "The Morgue" pub, Templeogue Village, Dublin. Members of other clubs and visitors are as usual very welcome to this social event. The club will then break for Christmas and return on January 7th, 2025.

Update from North Dublin Radio Club

The North Dublin Radio Club will be ending 2024 with their annual Christmas party event at the Coachman's Inn, Swords Road, Dublin on Saturday the 21st of December. A four-course dinner will commence at 6.45 p.m. and the cost is 34 euro per head. All visitors are welcome to attend this event. To book a place at the dinner, please contact Tony EI6K on

086 2985776. The NDR club will then break for Christmas and will reopen again on Saturday the 4th of January 2025. Details about the club and its location can be found online at www.ei0ndr.com

145 Alive Event in January

The next 145 Alive event is taking place on Sunday the 26th of January 2025. The coordinators for EI are the IRTS VHF/microwave managers, Denis EI4KH and Keith EI5IN. If you are interested in taking part as a net controller, please contact them regarding frequency allocations and guidance about logging.

The IRTS VHF/microwave team can be contacted via email to [vhf_manager /at/ irts.ie](mailto:vhf_manager@irts.ie).

December is Youth on the Air Month

We are now over one week into Youth on the Air month. For the rest of the month, listen out for youngsters active on the bands with YOTA in their callsigns and try a QSO. The idea for this is to show the amateur radio hobby to youth and to encourage youngsters to be active on the amateur radio bands.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie) for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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